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REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND REPRODUCTION METHOD  
OF DIGITAL VIDEO SIGNAL OR AUDIO SIGNAL

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No.  
5 09/290,251, filed April 13, 1999, the subject matter of which  
is incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a reproduction apparatus  
for a signal recorded on a medium such as an optical storage  
10 medium, and in particular to a technique making it possible to  
protect a copyright of the signal recorded on the medium.

A digital video disk (DVD) for recording an audio/video  
(AV) signal compressed by using MPEG2 has a problem that the  
AV signal could be copied without quality degradation because  
15 the AV signal is handled as digital data.

In opposition to this, there has been introduced a  
technique of an electronic watermark for superimposing  
information such as permission, inhibition, or permission of  
only one generation as to copying so that the user may not  
20 sense it as described in Nikkei Electronics, February 24,  
1997, pp. 99 - 123. In the above described technique, there  
is described, for example, a method for conducting copying  
prevention processing on analog output in accordance with a  
detected signal.

25 In the case of a medium such as a broadcasting which  
permits copying only once, however, it is not considered to  
protect a copyright by restricting reproduction, using a

player of each user, of a pirated edition disk which is produced by copying a signal onto a DVD-R disk (capable of recording the signal once) or the like and thereafter further copying the signal from the DVD-R disk to a DVD-ROM.

## 5 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Assuming that copying is permitted only once in broadcasting or the like, an object of the present invention is to provide a technique for preventing a pirated edition disk which is produced by recording a signal onto a DVD-R disk (capable of recording the signal once), a DVD-RAM disk (rewritable), or the like and thereafter illegally copying the recorded signal to a DVD-ROM, from being reproduced by an ordinary user's player capable of reproducing DVD-ROM, DVD-R and DVD-RAM disks.

Another object of the present invention is to report the cause of the reproduction stoppage to the user correctly in the case where reproduction is inhibited.

Originally, a medium allowing copying only once does not exist in DVD-ROM disks. In other words, it is impossible in DVD-ROMs to detect information which has permitted copying of only one generation, from video data. In the case where a signal from a medium permitting copying only once, such as broadcasting, is recorded on a recordable medium such as DVD-R/RAM and the recorded signal is copied onto a DVD-ROM to produce a pirated edition, information which has permitted copying of only one generation is detected from the video data. Therefore, in accordance with an aspect of the present invention, a means for identifying whether a disk is a DVD-R,

a DVD-RAM, or a DVD-ROM, and a means for detecting  
superimposed or embedded information concerning permission of  
copying from video data are provided. If the disk is a  
DVD-ROM and information identifying that copying of one  
5 generation has been permitted, such as an electronic watermark  
and copying protect cryptographic information is detected,  
then reproduction from the disk is inhibited, the reason of  
the reproduction stoppage is provided. So, the fact that the  
reproduction has been stopped due to a copyright problem is  
10 reported to the user. As a result, the above described  
objects are achieved.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a block circuit diagram of a DVD reproduction  
apparatus showing a first embodiment of the present invention;

15 FIG. 2 is a block circuit diagram of a DVD reproduction  
apparatus showing a second embodiment of the present  
invention;

FIG. 3 is a block circuit diagram of a DVD reproduction  
apparatus showing a third embodiment of the present invention;  
20 and

FIG. 4 is a block circuit diagram of a DVD reproduction  
apparatus showing a fourth embodiment of the present  
invention.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

25 A first embodiment of the present invention will now be  
described by referring to the drawing.

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a DVD reproduction apparatus  
showing an embodiment of the present invention. Numeral 101

denotes a DVD-ROM disk, a DVD-R disk, or a DVD-RAM disk having video data or the like recorded thereon. In the present embodiment, video data or audio data having copying permission information superimposed thereon or embedded therein is recorded in each of the above described disks. The superimposed copying permission information cannot be altered without significantly degrading the quality of the original video data or audio data. A disk identification code (a code for identifying whether the disk is a disk dedicated for reproduction) is further added to the video data or audio data. Numeral 102 denotes an optical pickup for detecting a signal from the disk 101. Numeral 103 denotes a preamplifier for conducting amplification, waveform equalization, and the like on a signal detected by the optical pickup. Numeral 104 denotes a demodulation circuit for converting a reproduced signal to binary values and conducting bit synchronization and demodulation. Numeral 105 denotes a RAM for temporarily storing the reproduced data thus demodulated. Numeral 106 denotes an error correction circuit for conducting error correction processing on data demodulated and stored in the RAM 105. Numeral 107 denotes a detection circuit for detecting a disk identification code recorded on the disk together with the video data or the like. Numeral 108 denotes a detection circuit for detecting superimposed copying permission information from the video data. Numeral 109 denotes a circuit for generating a disk reproduction stopping signal 114 from the detected identification code and the copying permission information. If the disk reproduction

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stopping signal 114 has been generated, then the error  
correction circuit 106 destroys data instead of correcting  
data, and simultaneously generates a flag 118 indicating that  
an error is incorrecable. Numeral 110 denotes a message  
5 information generation circuit for generating video data (such  
as characters or an illustration) or an audio signal  
indicating that the reproduction is impossible. Numeral 111  
denotes a selection circuit for selecting either data  
subjected to correction processing stored in the RAM 105 or  
10 message information supplied from the message information  
generation circuit, in accordance with the disk reproduction  
stopping signal 114. Numeral 112 denotes an output control  
circuit for conducting timing control and the like to output  
data from the selection circuit 111. Numeral 113 denotes a  
15 data output terminal. Numeral 115 denotes an interface for a  
microcomputer. Numeral 121 denotes a microcontroller for  
controlling a signal processing device 120 formed of  
components 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114  
and 115. Numeral 122 denotes a data/signal transfer bus among  
20 the demodulation circuit 104, the RAM 105, the error  
correction circuit 106, the detection circuits 107 and 108,  
and the selection circuit 110.

Reproduction from a disk in the present DVD reproduction  
apparatus will hereafter be described.

25 A signal recorded on the disk 101 is converted to an  
electric signal by the pickup 102. The electric signal is  
subjected in the preamplifier 103 to amplification and  
waveform equalization. Thereafter, in the demodulation



circuit 104, the reproduced signal is converted to binary values, and subjected to bit synchronization and demodulation. The reproduced data thus demodulated is temporarily stored in the RAM 105. The stored data is subjected to error correction processing in the error correction circuit 106. The reproduced data thus corrected is sent to the copying permission information detection circuit 108. The copying permission information detection circuit 108 detects the superimposed copying permission information from the reproduced data. The copying permission information indicates which of the following types the recorded data is:

1) copying is possible; 2) copying is inhibited; and 3) copying of only one generation was permitted.

This detected information is sent to the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109. The disk identification code detection circuit detects the disk identification code added to the video data or audio data, and sends a result to the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109. The disk identification code identifies 1) a disk dedicated to reproduction, or 2) a recordable disk. If the copying permission information represents "copying of only one generation was permitted" and the disk identification code is judged to be a disk dedicated to reproduction, then the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109 makes the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 active. Upon the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 becoming active, the error correction circuit 106 destroys the reproduced data stored in the RAM and sends a flag

indicating that error is incorrecable to the microcontroller 115. Upon the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 becoming active, the message information generation circuit 110 generates video or audio message data indicating that the reproduction has been stopped due to violation of copying consent. The above described message information may include where to make contact with a copyright managing organization (such as its telephone number, address, and the like).

The message information generation circuit 110 may be a ROM or the like storing generated data. Normally, the selection circuit 111 selects reproduced data read out from the RAM. When the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 is active, the selection circuit 111 selects the message information supplied from the message information generation circuit 110.

As heretofore described, in the present embodiment, it is possible to inhibit reproduction of a pirated edition disk which is produced by temporarily recording a video signal or an audio signal from broadcasting which may be permitted to be copied by only one generation onto a DVD-R or DVD-RAM, and then copying the video signal or the audio signal onto a DVD-ROM on the basis of the DVD-R or DVD-RAM.

Furthermore, by outputting the message signal, users can recognize that the reproduction inhibition is not caused by a failure of the reproduction apparatus or a damage of the disk, but caused by a problem of the copyright. In addition, by displaying where to make contact with the copyright managing organization, it is possible to collect information for

identifying a person who produced the pirated edition from  
users. Furthermore, in the case of a violation of a  
copyright, destruction of data is also conducted. In the case  
where the signal processing device 120 is formed as a single  
semiconductor chip, therefore, data is destroyed and cannot be  
read out, even if software of the micro-controller is  
falsified and correction impossibility flag is disregarded.  
If the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 in the disk  
reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109 is made  
active, provided that the copying permission information  
indicates "copying of only one generation was permitted" and  
the disk identification code is judged to be a disk dedicated  
to reproduction or provided that the copying permission  
information is "copying is inhibited" and the disk  
identification code is judged to a recordable disk, then a  
DVD-R/RAM produced by illegally recording contents of a disk  
inhibited from being copied can also be prevented from being  
reproduced. According to the present embodiment, a  
reproduction apparatus capable of sufficiently protecting a  
copyright can be provided.

A second embodiment of the present invention will now be  
described.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a DVD reproduction apparatus  
showing the second embodiment.

The disk 101 reproduced in the present embodiment is  
intended for a DVD-ROM, a DVD-R, or a DVD-RAM. Among them,  
groove-shaped tracks are wobbled in the DVD-RAM/R. Therefore,  
a push-pull signal for tracking is modulated by the wobble.

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This wobble is required to effect tracking at the time of recording, and it does not exist in the disk dedicated to reproduction.

The present embodiment is the same as the first  
5 embodiment except the following three points:

1) A wobble detection circuit 116 is provided;

2) A push-pull signal terminal is provided in the preamplifier 103, and it is connected to the wobble detection circuit 116; and

10 3) When the wobble detection circuit 116 has judged that there is no wobbling, or when the disk identification code detection circuit 107 has judged the disk to be a disk dedicated to reproduction and simultaneously therewith the copying permission information detection circuit 108 has  
15 judged that copying of only one generation was permitted, the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109 makes the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 active.

In the present embodiment, at the same time that data is reproduced in the same way as the first embodiment, wobble  
20 detection is conducted by the wobble detection circuit 116. When either the wobble detection circuit 116 or the disk identification code detection circuit 107 has judged the disk to be a disk dedicated to reproduction and simultaneously therewith the copying permission information detection circuit  
25 108 has judged that copying of only one generation was permitted, the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109 makes the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 active. Even if the disk identification code is rewritten,

therefore, reproduction is inhibited certainly.

As heretofore described, in the present embodiment, it is possible to inhibit reproduction of a pirated edition disk which is produced by temporarily recording a video signal or an audio signal from broadcasting which may be permitted to be copied by only one generation onto a DVD-R or DVD-RAM, and then copying the video signal or the audio signal onto a DVD-ROM on the basis of the DVD-R or DVD-RAM. In the present embodiment, detection of a pirated edition is conducted certainly by judging the disk to be a disk dedicated to reproduction provided that there is no wobble or provided that the identification code indicates a disk dedicated to reproduction. Even if the condition that the identification code indicates a disk dedicated to reproduction is removed from the decision conditions, however, the same effects as the those of the first embodiment are obtained.

A third embodiment of the present invention will now be described by referring to drawing.

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a DVD reproduction apparatus showing the third embodiment.

The present embodiment is the same as the first embodiment except the following three points:

- 1) A reflectance identification circuit 117 for processing reflectance information of a disk derived by the preamplifier 103 is provided;

- 2) A terminal for outputting information of the reflectance is provided in the preamplifier 103, and the terminal is connected to the reflectance identification

circuit 117; and

3) When the reflectance identification circuit 117, the wobble detection circuit 116, or the disk identification code detection circuit 107 has judged the disk to be a disk dedicated to reproduction and simultaneously therewith the copying permission information detection circuit 108 has judged that copying of only one generation was permitted, the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109 makes the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 active.

At the same time that data is reproduced in the same way as the second embodiment, reflectance information is sent from the preamplifier 103 to the reflectance identifying circuit 117 in the present embodiment. The reflectance identifying circuit 117 has a threshold value for the reflectance and identifies a disk yielding a reflectance value which is equal to or larger than the threshold value, as a disk dedicated to reproduction.

When the reflectance identifying circuit 117, the wobble detection circuit 116, or the disk identification code detection circuit 107 has judged the disk to be a disk dedicated to reproduction and simultaneously therewith the copying permission information detection circuit 108 has judged that copying of only one generation was permitted, the disk reproduction stopping signal generation circuit 109 makes the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 active.

Even if the disk identification code is rewritten, reproduction is inhibited certainly. In the present embodiment, detection of a pirated edition is conducted

certainly by judging the disk to be a disk dedicated to reproduction provided that the reflectance is equal to or larger than the threshold value, provided that there is no wobble, or provided that the identification code indicates a disk dedicated to reproduction. Even if the disk is judged to be a disk dedicated to reproduction provided that some combination of the three conditions is satisfied, however, the same effects as the those of the first embodiment are obtained.

A fourth embodiment of the present invention will now be described by referring to drawing.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a DVD reproduction apparatus showing the fourth embodiment.

Instead of inputting the output of the message information generation circuit 110 to the selection circuit 111 and inputting the output of the selection circuit 111 to the output control circuit 112, the output of the message information generation circuit 110 is written into the RAM 105 via a RAM write controller 119. Components other than them are common to the third embodiment. In the case where the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 has become active, overwriting is conducted on video data or audio data which should be originally outputted in the present embodiment. As a result, there are obtained the same effects as those of the case where the output of the message information generation circuit 110 is inputted to the selection circuit 111 and the output of the selection circuit 111 is inputted to the output control circuit 112 as in the second embodiment.

Furthermore, in the first to fourth embodiments, the message information for the user is generated in the reproduction apparatus. However, the same effects are also obtained by providing a terminal for outputting the disk reproduction stopping signal 114, sending the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 to a video data display apparatus, an audio output apparatus, a compressed video data or audio data decompression apparatus, or the like, and causing the apparatus receiving the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 to generate the message information.

As heretofore described, reproduction is inhibited according to the present invention in the case where the copying permission information superimposed on the video signal or embedded therein indicates that copying of only one generation was permitted and the disk is judged to be a DVD-ROM. As a result, it is possible to inhibit reproduction from a disk which is produced by temporarily recording video or audio data permitted as to copy of one generation onto a DVD-R/RAM and thereafter illegally copying the recorded data to a DVD-ROM. In addition, in the case where reproduction is inhibited, the cause of the reproduction stoppage can be reported to the user correctly.

Throughout these embodiments, function operation of the circuit for detecting the copying permission information and the disk type, the reproduction stopping signal generation circuit, and the like can be effected by execution of them in a processor in a program form. Therefore, at least a part of the circuit configuration can be implemented in a software



fashion by execution, in the processor, of a program stored in memories.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

demodulating means for demodulating data modulated in accordance with said modulation rule;

temporal store means for holding the data demodulated by said demodulating means;

error-correcting means for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in said temporal store means based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in said temporal store means;

reproducing means for reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected demodulated data processed by said error-correcting means and stored in said temporal store means; and

output control means for performing output control of the reproduced data based on said reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store means.

2. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 1, wherein said temporal store means is a RAM.

3. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 2, wherein said demodulating means, said error-correcting means and said copying consent information reproduction means are connected to said RAM, respectively.

4. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 3, wherein said RAM is constituted by a single RAM.

5. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 2, wherein said copying consent information reproducing means, said demodulating means, said error-correcting means and said RAM are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

6. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, said data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted

for the recording medium, said reproduction apparatus  
comprising:

demodulating means for demodulating data modulated in  
accordance with said modulation rule;

5 a temporal store means for holding the data demodulated  
by said demodulating means;

error-correcting means for error-correcting the  
demodulated data stored in said temporal store means based on  
an error correction code, the error-corrected data being  
10 stored in said temporal store means;

reproducing means for reproducing the superimposed  
information concerning copying consent from the error-  
corrected video data and/or audio data processed by said  
error-correcting means and stored in said temporal store  
means; and

means for stopping reproduction of the error-corrected  
video data and/or audio data in accordance with the  
information concerning copying consent from said copying  
consent information reproducing means;

20 wherein said demodulating means, said temporal store  
means, said error-correcting means, said copying consent  
information reproducing means and said reproduction stopping  
means are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

25 7. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data  
and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction  
and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data  
recorded thereon, said video data and/or audio data being

generated by superimposing information concerning copying  
consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has  
undergone addition of an error correction code for error  
correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation  
rule adapted for the recording medium, said reproduction  
apparatus comprising:

a demodulator which demodulates data modulated in  
accordance with said modulation rule;

a temporal store which holds the data demodulated by said  
demodulator;

an error-corrector which for error-corrects the  
demodulated data stored in said temporal store based on the  
error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored  
in said temporal store;

a reproducer which for reproduces the superimposed  
information concerning copying consent from the error-  
corrected demodulated data processed by said error-corrector  
and stored in said temporal store; and

an output controller which performs output control of the  
reproduced data based on said reproduced information  
concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store.

8. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data  
and/or audio data according to claim 7, wherein said temporal  
store is a RAM.

9. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data  
and/or audio data according to claim 8, wherein said

demodulator, said error-corrector and said copying consent  
information reproducer are connected to said RAM,  
respectively.

5           10. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data  
and/or audio data according to claim 9, wherein said RAM is  
constituted by a single RAM.

10           11. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data  
and/or audio data according to claim 2, wherein said copying  
consent information reproducer, said demodulator, said  
error-corrector and said RAM are integrated in a single  
semiconductor device.

15           12. A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data  
and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction  
and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data  
recorded thereon, said data and/or audio data being generated  
by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a  
20 digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone  
addition of an error correction code for error correction and  
then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted  
for the recording medium, said reproduction apparatus  
comprising:

25           a demodulator which demodulates data modulated in  
accordance with said modulation rule;

          a temporal store which holds the data demodulated by said  
demodulator;

an error-corrector which error-corrects the demodulated data stored in said temporal store based on an error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in said temporal store;

5 a reproducer which reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected video data and/or audio data processed by said error-corrector and stored in said temporal store; and

10 a reproduction stopper which stops reproduction of the error-corrected video data and/or audio data in accordance with the information concerning copying consent from said copying consent information reproducer;

wherein said demodulator, said temporal store, said error-corrector, said copying consent information reproducer and said reproduction stopper are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

13. A method for reproducing from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, said data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has being undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, in a reproduction apparatus comprising a demodulator which demodulates in accordance with said modulation rule; a temporal store which holds the data demodulated by said

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demodulator; an error-corrector which for error-corrects the demodulated data stored in said temporal store based on the error correction code; a reproducer which for reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from said video data and/or audio data; and an output controller which controls an output of the apparatus, said method comprising the steps:

demodulating modulated data by said demodulator;

temporarily storing the demodulated data in said temporal store;

error-correcting the demodulated data stored in said temporal store means by said error-corrector to provide error-corrected demodulated data;

reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from said error-corrected demodulated data stored in said temporal store by said copying consent information reproducer; and

performing output control of the apparatus by said output controller in accordance with the information concerning copying consent reproduced by said copying consent information reproducer.

14. A method for reproducing from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, said data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has being undergone addition of an error correction code



for error correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, in a reproduction apparatus comprising demodulating means for demodulating in accordance with said modulation rule; a  
5 temporal store means for holding the data demodulated by said demodulating means; error-correcting means for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in said temporal store means based on the error correction code; reproducing means for reproducing the superimposed information concerning  
10 copying consent from said video data and/or audio data; and output control means for controlling an output of the apparatus, said method comprising the steps:

demodulating modulated data by said demodulation means;  
temporarily storing the demodulated data in said temporal  
15 store mean;

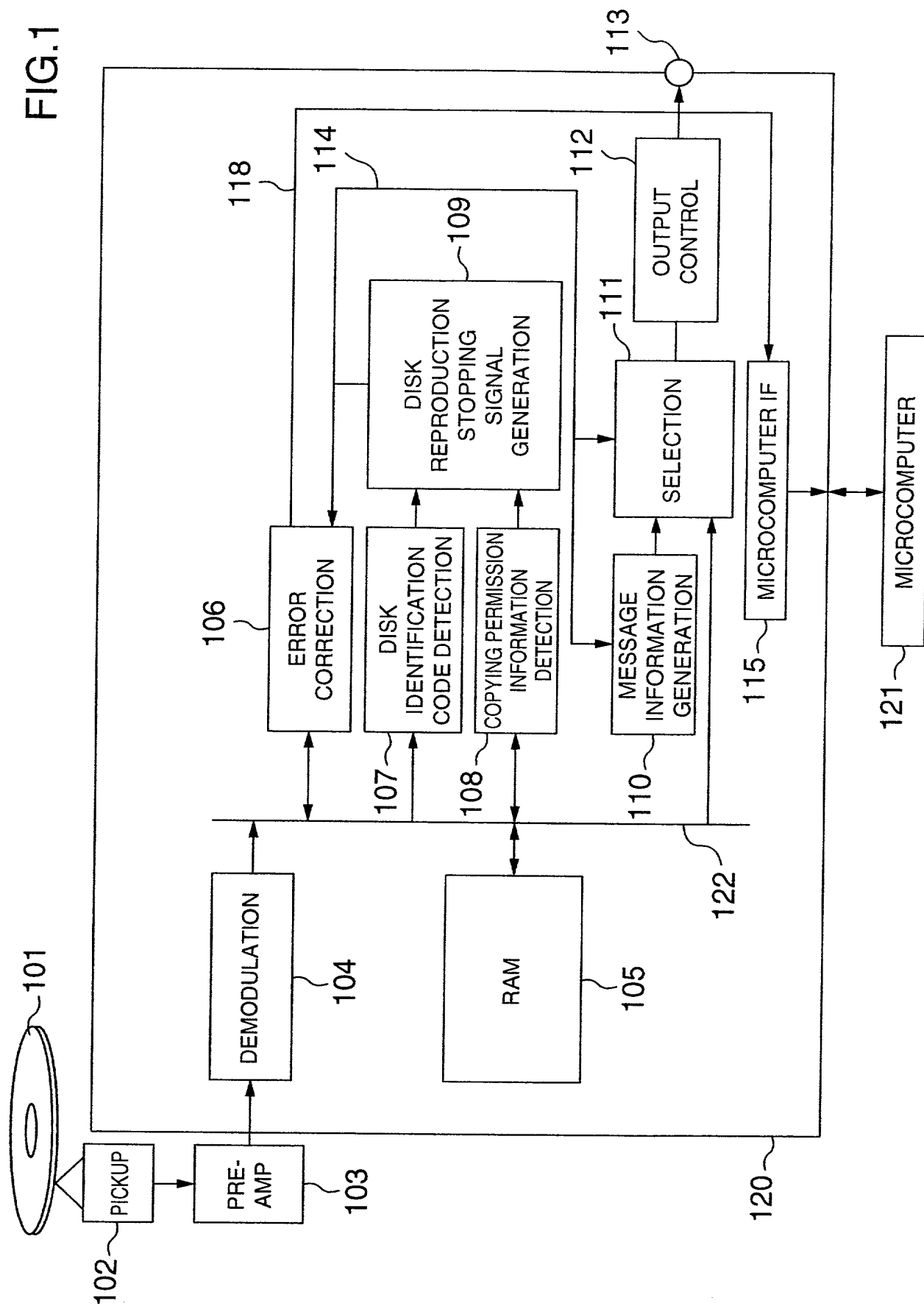
error-correcting the demodulated data stored in said temporal store means by said error-correcting means to provide error-corrected demodulated data;

reproducing the superimposed information concerning  
20 copying consent from said error-corrected demodulated data stored in said temporal store means by said copying consent information reproducing means; and

performing output control of the apparatus by said output control means in accordance with the information concerning  
25 copying consent reproduced by said copying consent information reproducing means.

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A reproduction apparatus and method for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon. The video data and/or audio data is generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium. The reproduction apparatus includes a demodulator for demodulating data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule, a temporal store for holding the data demodulated by the demodulator, an error-corrector for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store, based on an error correction code with the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store. A reproducer reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected demodulated data processed by the error-corrector and stored in the temporal store and an output controller performs output control of the reproduced data based on the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store.



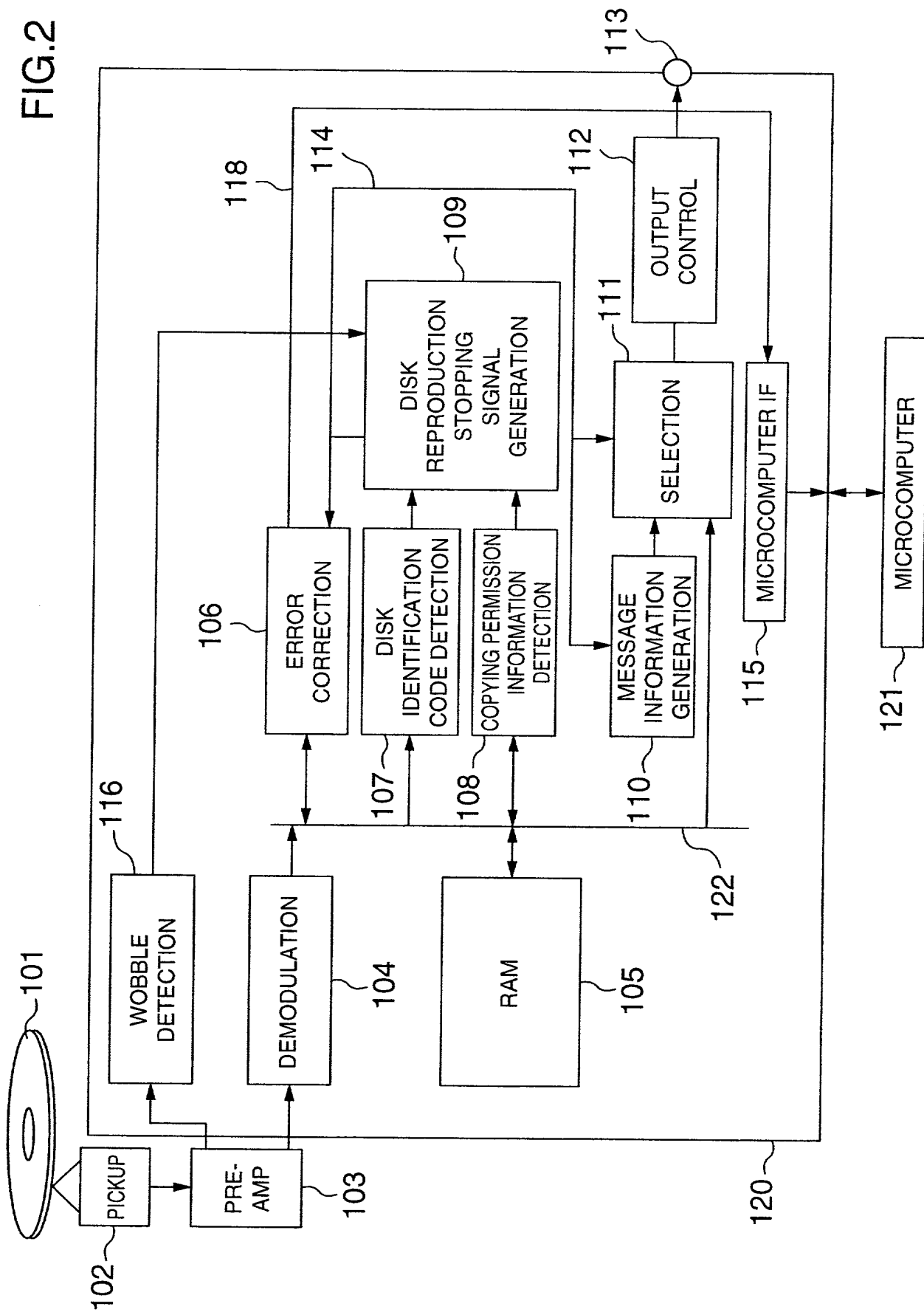
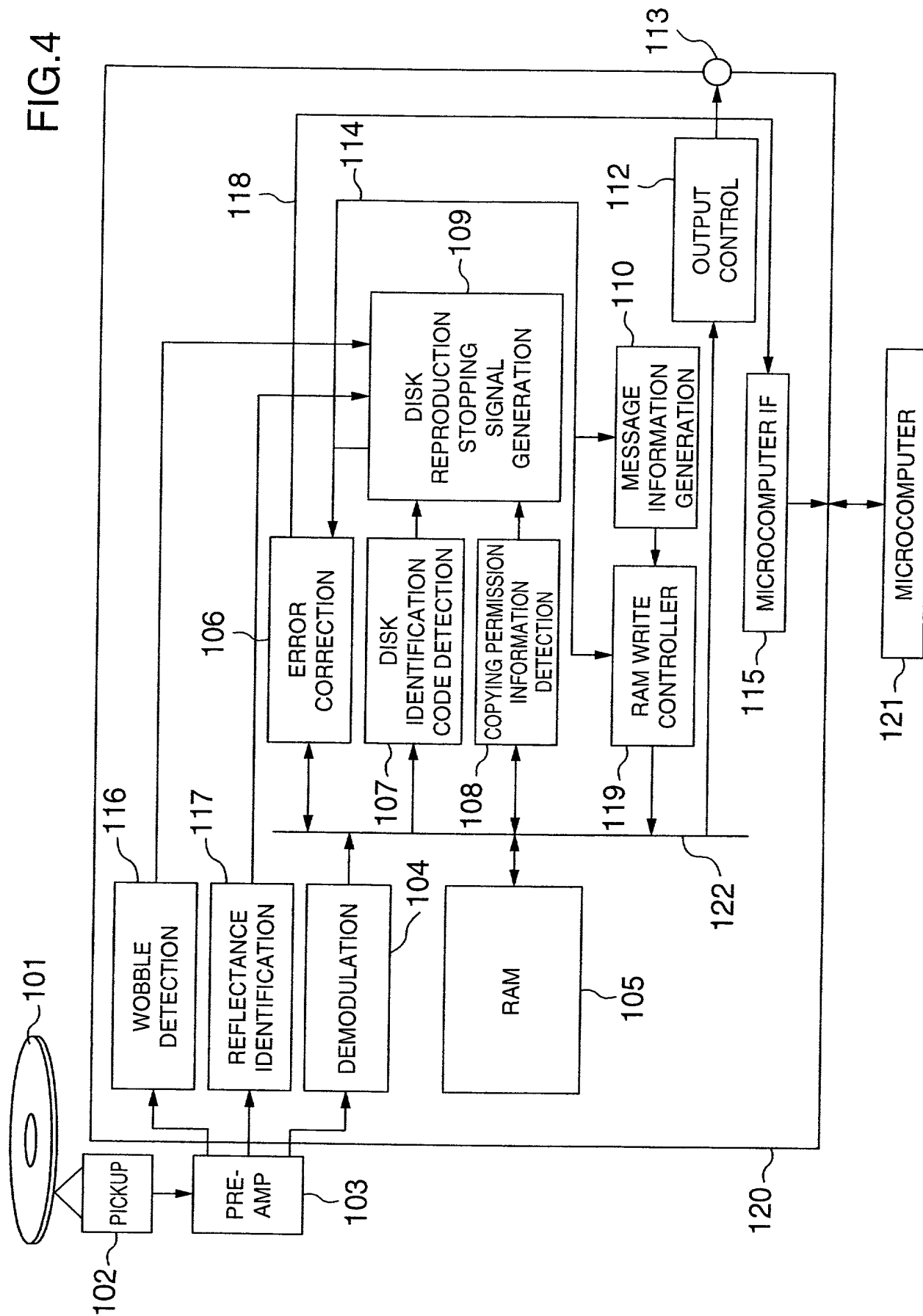




FIG. 4



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"REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND REPRODUCTION METHOD OF DIGITAL  
VIDEO SIGNAL OR AUDIO SIGNAL"

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